"JUBILATION"

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Marinette découvre avec surprise qu'une ancienne camarade de collège, Socque-line, se fait passer pour Ladybug. Alors qu'elle tâche de la dissuader de se mettre ainsi en danger, Monarque s'en prend à Socqueline, convaincu qu'elle est la vraie Ladybug. Pour cela, il va confier à un akumatisé le pouvoir du Miraculous de la Ju-bilation, qui révèle à ceux qui sont touchés leur désir le plus cher. La vraie Lady-bug et Chat Noir échapperont-ils à ce pouvoir dangereux ?

Marinette is surprised to discover that a former schoolmate, Socqueline, is passing herself off as Ladybug. She tries to dissuade her from endangering herself this way, but Monarch comes after Socqueline, convinced that she is the real Ladybug. He entrusts an akumatized villain with the power of the Miraculous of Jubilation, which shows people their deepest desires. Will the real Ladybug and Cat Noir escape that dangerous power?

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1 **EXT. STREET - MORNING**

The sun rises over Paris.

Marinette is out for her morning run, in her sweatsuit, looking determined... when she stops short in front of a giant screen playing the Alliance ad.

INSERT COMMERCIAL: Classical music, close-ups of every angle of a ring. Then, against a white backdrop, Gabriel Agreste in his new suit turns around to address the camera, with a benevolent smile.

1 GABRIEL
The ties that bind us are precious. Unique.

Gabriel holds a ring between his fingers.

2 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
They can all be found inside a jewel. Unique. Alliance.

The picture of Gabriel is followed by one of Adrien doing his homework.

3 GABRIEL (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Alliance informs.

Adrien is wearing the ring. He touches it and out comes a hologram of Lila.

4 ADRIEN
Alliance, can you please tell me what the square root of 71.174 is?

BACK ON: Tikki, surprised, hiding in Marinette's purse.

5 TIKKI
I thought Adrien was no longer a model, thanks to you, Marinette?

6 MARINETTE
He isn't, Tikki. *
(pointing at the ad)
What you're looking at is a digitized 3D model of Adrien.

Tikki opens her eyes in amazement.

7 TIKKI
Wow! He looks so real!

INSERT COMMERCIAL: Adrien is walking down a street.

8 GABRIEL (OFF)
Alliance protects.

The Lila Hologram pops up with a <SFX>.

9 HOLOGRAM LILA'S VOICE
Careful, Adrien! A megakuma has appeared at the Louvre. *

10 ADRIEN
Thank you, Alliance! Can you please show me where to hide?

Adrien takes refuge inside the *Gabriel* store right as Lila steps inside.

11 GABRIEL (OFF)
Alliance bonds.

Adrien and Lila lock eyes. It looks like they're falling in love at first sight. They take each other's hand. Their rings interlock.

BACK ON MARINETTE sighing a melancholy sigh. Tikki isn't fooled and knows how Marinette feels.

12 TIKKI
You, on the other hand, are still in love with the real Adrien!

13 MARINETTE
Oh no, *that*'s over! As long as I'm...

She looks around to make sure no one can hear her, and then she whispers...

14 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
As long as I'm *Ladybug*, I refuse to be in love with Adrien or anyone else! I lost possession over the Miraculous because of love, so thanks, but no thanks!

On Tikki looking sad as she sees Marinette staring regretfully at the advertising screen.

15 NEUTRAL VOICEOVER
Alliance.
Bringing you closer together.

As the ad ends and starts playing again in a loop, Marinette sees Mr. Damocles perched at the top of the screen, dressed as The Owl. He's trying to catch Mrs. Michele's cat, which has escaped again.

16 THE OWL
Kitty kitty... Come here, boy! Mama Michele will be so sad if you don't come home...!

The cat jumps, throwing The Owl off balance as it does. The cat lands smoothly on the sidewalk. The Owl manages to grab on with the tips of his fingers. He loses his mask, which falls on the road and is run over by a truck!

On Marinette, frightened.

17 MARINETTE
Hurry, Tikki, he needs us...

Just then, on Marinette looking stunned as she sees... Ladybug, running towards the screen!

18 FAKE LADYBUG
Hold on! I'm coming!

Except it seems like this Ladybug doesn't have any superpowers. She climbs up the screen's ladder, gets to The Owl and holds out her hand.

19 FAKE LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Don't be afraid! Give me your hand!

Damocles takes her hand, but loses his balance. They both almost fall over!

Marinette wants to transform...

But with a huge effort, the fake Ladybug manages to pull The Owl towards her.

Once at the bottom of the ladder, The Owl thanks the fake Ladybug for saving him.

20 THE OWL
Thanks for rescuing me, Ladybug!

21 FAKE LADYBUG
Oh, you're welcome. You gotta know when to step in! That's the only way you can change things in life!

That line makes Marinette tick. She thinks she recognizes someone.

22 MARINETTE
Socqueline?!

On hearing this name, the fake Ladybug is startled, and turns towards Marinette, whom she finally notices, looking embarrassed.

23 FAKE LADYBUG
What? No! I'm Ladybug, just a normal superhero.

She runs away.

Hidden in Marinette's purse, Tikki wonders, whispering (far enough from the Owl, who cannot see the kwami):

24 TIKKI
Do you know her, Marinette?

25 MARINETTE
(musing)
Maybe...
(a beat, whispering)
But you know what, Tikki? It's time to go buy some paint!

Marinette turns around and sprints home. Tikki (just like us, for now) is completely at sea!

26 TIKKI (O.S.)
Huh? What's that got to do with anything?

2 **INT. MARINETTE'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - MORNING**

Sabine is sipping her morning tea when Marinette pops up in the apartment in her sweatsuit and rushes to her room to change.

27 MARINETTE
Mom! You needed paint for your class, didn't you?

28 SABINE
Well, I still have a little left, but...

Marinette - who's already changed (cartoon) - comes back down in her street clothes and runs out as fast as she came in.

29 MARINETTE
Cool, I'll go get you some and bring it right back! Love yaaaa!

Sabine hasn't even had time to finish her sentence.

3 **EXT. OLYMPIADES - "NATIONALE" METRO STATION ENTRANCE - DAY**

Marinette parks her scooter, takes off her helmet and puts it away under the seat. Hidden in Marinette's purse, Tikki is not fooled.

30 TIKKI
What are we *really* doing, Marinette?

31 MARINETTE
That fake Ladybug from this morning... I think it was Socqueline, a school friend from last year.

Marinette climbs the stairs and steps onto the esplanade.

32 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Knowing her, I'm sure she means well. But I have to convince her to stop putting herself in danger like that.

33 TIKKI
You're not gonna tell her you're the real Ladybug, are you?

34 MARINETTE
Of course not! She can't suspect anything.

4 **EXT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - DAY**

Marinette arrives as the paint store opens. A young Asian girl with the same pigtails as Marinette is pulling up the security gate, yawning as if she'd been up all night. She's the aforementioned Socqueline.

5 **INT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - DAY**

Marinette walks in.

35 MARINETTE
Hi Socqueline!

Socqueline pretends to be surprised when she sees Marinette. (*Note: she is indeed the fake Ladybug. She was expecting Marinette, and she's going to have to put on an act to protect her secret identity*).

36 SOCQUELINE
Marinette! It's been a while!

37 MARINETTE
Too long!

They kiss on the cheeks, thrilled to see each other. *(Note: A strange second-degree discussion begins between them, with Marinette trying to find out if it's really Socqueline who was pretending to be Ladybug, and Socqueline trying to hide her double identity as a fake ladybug from Marinette).*

Marinette doesn't dare tackle the subject head-on.

38 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
So... What have you been up to?

Socqueline plays innocent. And she does it really well! Much better than Marinette ever did!

39 SOCQUELINE
Well, high school's a big change, but it’s awesome, as it turns out!
(MORE)

SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
How about you? Middle school, lots of homework...?

40 MARINETTE
It's all right!

41 SOCQUELINE
Really? Even with Chloe?

42 MARINETTE
Oh, she's just as awful as ever, but I've learned to deal with her! She's become the least of my worries!

43 SOCQUELINE
Phew! That's good to hear! I was worried about leaving you with that monster.

As they chat, a customer discreetly enters the shop: it's Mr. Damocles. He was guided here by his Alliance, as can be seen from the hologram of Lila holding a map projected by the ring.

44 LILA-ALLIANCE
You have arrived at your destination, Denis.

Marinette tries to get Socqueline to say more.

45 MARINETTE
I've changed a lot, you know. And so have you, right? Any new... activities?

46 SOCQUELINE
Oh, same old: gymnastics, helping Mom with the shop now and then...
(a beat)
Are you looking for something in particular?

47 MARINETTE
Yes! Answers... Uh, I mean, paint! Paint for my mother. Red and then black.

Marinette leans towards Socqueline with a knowing look.

48 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
If you know what I mean...

Socqueline doesn't react on it.

49 SOCQUELINE
Of course! Same colors as always!

She uses her Alliance to prepare the order.

50 SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
Please Alliance...
(*Hologram Adrien appears)*
Do we have any Vine Black and Poppy Red in stock?

Hologram Adrien answers.

51 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
There are 6 tubes left in 12 milliliter packs. Do you want to add them to a new order?

Marinette is fascinated by the ring and the hologram.

52 MARINETTE
Wow! It's the first time I've ever seen one in real life. It's so realistic!

53 SOCQUELINE
Oh, it's a life-changer! It's got everything: phone, calendar, GPS, step counter... It's even got games! Wanna try it?

Socqueline removes the Alliance from her index finger and hands it to Marinette, who slips it on.

54 SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
The ring is tactile. But it works even better with your voice. Just start with the magic words. Please, Alliance... How many steps have I walked today?

Statistics are displayed as the hologram responds. Marinette is impressed.

55 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
You've walked 5,234 steps, Socqueline! That's more than average for people your age. Well done!

It's so realistic that Marinette actually feels uncomfortable!

56 MARINETTE
Yeah, it's... awesome!

Marinette holds the Alliance which Socqueline uses as a touchpad to access the hologram settings screen.

57 SOCQUELINE
Right? It's like having an Adrien all to yourself! Such a dream! And it gets better! You can even download skins and change his outfits!

Socqueline scrolls through the skins, changing the hologram's outfits like it's a video game.

58 MARINETTE
This is so weird! You can hardly tell the difference between this...and the real Adrien!

Socqueline can't believe what she just heard.

59 SOCQUELINE
What? You know him?

Marinette tries to act like it's nothing.

60 MARINETTE
Oh, not that well... Let's just say he sits in front of me in class.

61 SOCQUELINE
You're so lucky! Gah! I totally should have stayed back a year!

Marinette can't keep herself from playing with the hologram's outfits in turn. Socqueline bombards her with questions.

62 SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
So, what's he like? Someone as good looking as him is probably seriously stand offish! *

63 MARINETTE
Totally the opposite! He's super nice, humble, a little lost... It's his first time at school, you know. Until his mother disappeared, he'd only ever been home schooled.

While a melancholy Marinette continues to talk about Adrien, Mr. Damocles pretends to walk nonchalantly in the alleys, taking unnatural glances around him. Once he is sure that no one is watching him, he starts rummaging through the cardboard masks.

64 MARINETTE (OFF THEN ON) (CONT'D)
Nobody knows this, but being a model wasn't what he wanted to do in life at all. He couldn't bring himself to tell his father, so I helped Adrien confront him. He was really touched...

Socqueline's eyes go wide.

65 SOCQUELINE
Wow, you two actually *are* close! Don't tell me that...

Marinette gets lost in her memories.

66 MARINETTE
Over time, I guess we did become closer. We found that we've got a lot in common. *

Socqueline bursts with joy.

67 SOCQUELINE
You can't fool me! You two are together! Wow! No wonder Chloe's become the least of your worries.

Marinette blushes, embarrassed as hell!

68 MARINETTE
No, no, no, we're not! We're just friends! Nothing more!

She takes this opportunity to return to the subject she's interested in.

69 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
It's like you: you're just a high school girl who sometimes helps her mom, and nothing else, right?

Socqueline gets stiff.

70 SOCQUELINE
Um... Exactly!

Marinette points to Mr. Damocles, who's comparing a mask with Knight Owl's, whose hologram he's projecting through his Alliance.

71 SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
Just like Mr. Damocles -- he's just the principal, right?!

Damocles startles and hides the mask and the hologram behind his back.

72 DAMOCLES
No, I'm not a principal, I'm a superhero! Uh, I mean, no, it's the other way around. Shoot!

Marinette takes advantage of the moment to pass on her message to Socqueline.

73 MARINETTE
(to Damocles)
Well, it's a good thing you're not trying to be a superhero! Because it's very dangerous to do the same thing they do when you don't have magical powers and super suits!

Socqueline counters.

74 SOCQUELINE
Yeah, well, what if it's a relief for Ladybug to have people helping her?!

75 MARINETTE
Now way would she want that! It's way too risky!

Socqueline repeats the sentence she spoke earlier this morning.

76 SOCQUELINE
Yes, but you gotta know when to step in! That's the only way you can change things in life!

77 MARINETTE
I know, you told me that last year. But in this circumstance, it's Ladybug's job to take risks, and no one else's!

She launches into a class-A marinettade.

78 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Because if everyone takes risks, Ladybug may have to take more risks too in order to deal with their risks, which is even riskier!!!

Socqueline and Mr. Damocles look at each other wondering why Marinette is getting so carried away. Damocles has an idea:

79 DAMOCLES
Hoo-hoo! Sounds like someone's jealous because she wants to be a superhero!

80 MARINETTE
I DO NOT! I'm Marinette, I'm very happy to be just a normal girl with a normal life, and so should everyone else!!!

Mr. Damocles is stunned. Socqueline calms things down.

81 SOCQUELINE
Okay... You know what? I'm gonna take care of Mr. Damocles, and we can continue this afterwards! *

Socqueline walks away with Damocles.

82 SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
So! How may I help you?

Now alone, Marinette confides in Tikki, hiding in her purse.

83 MARINETTE
What if I was wrong? Socqueline is acting so normal! She isn't getting flustered at all! What if she's not the fake Ladybug from earlier?

84 TIKKI
Maybe she's just a better liar than you?

85 MARINETTE
The only way to know for sure is to know for sure!

To find out for sure, Marinette "digs" into Socqueline's ring.

86 TIKKI
Marinette! No!

The jewel displays a 3D map showing Socqueline's route this morning, and it does pass where the big screen was!

87 MARINETTE
I knew it!!!

Suddenly <PING!> – a notification. The ring displays the news channel. Nadja Chamack is on set. Scientist Anne-Jeanne Théoxane du Boquale appears in a pop-up.

88 NADJA CHAMACK
Yet another experiment by Dr Anne-Jeanne Théoxane du Boquale gone wrong!

A report shows dinosaurs flying over Paris.

89 NADJA CHAMACK (CONT'D)
Her tyrannosaur-pigeon hybrid dinos are on the loose! Will this reopen the debate on the need for these flying beasts?

Marinette's eyes go wide. She rushes out of the store shouting for Socqueline's attention:

90 MARINETTE
Uh... I'll be right back!

6 **OUT. OLYMPIADES - GALLERY - DAY**

Marinette hides in a gallery between two buildings.

91 MARINETTE
It's time for the real Ladybug to step in! Tikki, Spots on!

Marinette transforms into Ladybug.

Ladybug takes off with her yoyo to go capture the winged dinos swirling in the sky.

7 **INT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - DAY**

Socqueline is showing several masks to Mr. Damocles, but he doesn't seem convinced by any. Mr. Damocles is actually second-guessing himself.

92 SOCQUELINE
How about this one then?

93 DAMOCLES
Oh, I can't tell anymore... What if I was doing more harm than good as a superhero? Because of me, Ladybug almost fell from a billboard this morning!

Socqueline tries to cheer him up.

94 SOCQUELINE
But no one was injured, right? What matters is that you can keep fulfilling your true mission: being an excellent principal. And *that*'s heroic! (*showing him a mask)* How about that one?

She is about to add the mask to a new order, but realizes that her Alliance is missing. Besides, the crestfallen Mr. Damocles no longer wants to buy anything anyway.

95 DAMOCLES
It's pointless. It's pointless now.

Socqueline insists. She puts the masks in his hands.

96 SOCQUELINE
It’s on me! For the super-principal of Francoise Dupont High School!

Despite Socqueline’s nice words, Mr. Damocles leaves the shop with his head hanging. He bumps into Marinette, who’s running back, panting.

97 MARINETTE
Have a good day, Mr. Damocles!

Marinette goes up to Socqueline and makes up a story.

98 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I'm such an airhead! I, uh, I forgot to lock my scooter!

99 SOCQUELINE
Haha! At least some things never change!
(a beat)
Can I have my Alliance back? I need it to place the orders..

100 MARINETTE
Oh! Sorry!

As she takes the ring off, Marinette accidentally activates it. Her convoluted route (as Ladybug) above Paris is displayed.

101 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
Socqueline, you covered 135 kilometers in 15 minutes. That's a lot more than the average for people your age! Well done! *

Socqueline is baffled.

102 SOCQUELINE
What did you do with my Alliance? You got superpowers or something?!

Marinette realizes that she was wearing the ring when she transformed into Ladybug. The ring recorded all her whereabouts as a superhero! She blanches.

103 MARINETTE
I... must have done something to screw up the controls?!

Socqueline puts the ring on her finger and rummages through the menus to fix it.

104 SOCQUELINE
That's okay. It's probably just a bug.

Marinette sighs with relief. Lucky for her, her friend believed her.

8 **INT. GABRIEL'S STUDY - DAY**

Gabriel is drawing in his study when his own Alliance starts beeping.

9 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR - DAY**

Gabriel gets to his refurbished lair, where the kwamis are trapped inside techno-magical cages.

105 GABRIEL
Alliance. What's happening?

A hologram of Emilie pops up and tells him.

106 EMILIE-ALLIANCE
Warning threshold exceeded: data beyond normal human capabilities have been recorded on an Alliance.

Alliance displays new windows: a map of Paris with travel information (the same as the one on Socqueline's Alliance), photos of Socqueline, the family store, and all her contact details:

107 EMILIE-ALLIANCE (CONT'D)
Socqueline Wang. 135 kilometers covered between 11:02am and 11:12am. Lives in the Helsinki Tower, 13th arrondissement. Tenth grader at Claude Monet High school. Winner of Grand Prix gymnastics, three years in a row. *

108 GABRIEL
Ladybug's last appearance?

Alliance displays an image from a news channel report. It shows Ladybug taming a flying dinosaur like she's at a rodeo. The time is displayed: 11:08 a.m.

109 EMILIE-ALLIANCE
Same time duration.

An evil smile creeps up on Gabriel’s face.

110 GABRIEL
Hello Ladybug!

He stands in position...

111 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Nooroo, dark wings rise!

Gabriel transforms into Monarch.

The iris of his lair opens.

112 MONARCH
Now that I know who you are, let's see who I can send you.

Monarch closes his eyes and scans the shop's surroundings for negative emotions. Behind him on an abstract background, we can hear voices.

113 VOICE 1 (O.S.)
Stupid traffic jams!

114 VOICE 2 (O.S.)
Huh? What did I just step in?

Monarch opens his eyes. The image of Mr. Damocles, walking dejectedly on the the Olympiades esplanade, appears behind him.

115 DAMOCLES
Socqueline's right... Maybe I should stop trying to be a hero and just focus on being a good principal...

Monarch looks satisfied.

116 MONARCH
Ah! A poor lost soul discouraged from being a superhero...by Ladybug herself! Perfect!

Monarch turns a white butterfly into a Megakuma. But instead of sending it out the iris, he presses his ring with the horse's seal against Kaalki's cage.

117 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Kaalki, your power is now mine!

Kaalki's cage transfers the kwami's energy into the ring, which lights up. Monarch can now open a portal without having to transform.

118 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage, my Megakuma!

The Megakuma enters the portal.

10 **EXT. OLYMPIADES - ESPLANADE - DAY**

A magical portal opens in the sky. The megakuma comes out of it and lodges in the mask held by a forlorn Mr. Damocles. *

119 MONARCH
Darker Owl, I am Monarch. This young lady has diverted you from your true calling as a superhero!

120 DAMOCLES
But what if she's right...

121 MONARCH
Except she’s not just any young girl. She’s LADYBUG!

M. Damocles is stunned. He can't believe it.

122 DAMOCLES
No! She can't be! Ladybug has always supported me!

123 MONARCH
That’s what she wanted you to believe. But in reality, she’s doing everything she can to stop you! She and Cat Noir believe that being a superhero is a right only to them! Well, unlike Ladybug and Cat Noir, *I* like to share...

He presses his ring bearing the pig’s seal against Daizzi’s cage.

124 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Daizzi, your power is now mine!

Daizzi’s cage transfers the kwami’s energy to the ring, which lights up. But instead of using it himself, Monarch presses the seal.

125 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Transfer!

Back to Damocles. Zoom in on his ring. We enter the jewel, inside which an electric component lights up in the color of the Miraculous of the Pig (pink).

126 MONARCH (CONT'D)
I am giving you the power of Jubilation, with which you will trap your enemies in their deepest desires!

M. Damocles gives in.

127 DARKER OWL
I will seize Ladybug's and Cat Noir’s Miraculous, and there will be only one superhero left in Paris: the Darker Owl!

The transformation starts...

11 **INT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - DAY**

Reboot chime like the Mac startup sound.

128 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
Return to factory settings. Hello, I am Alliance. What is your name, please? ?

129 SOCQUELINE
There! Like new!

130 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
Hello, "There-Like-New"!

The girls laugh heartily.

131 MARINETTE
Phew! Alright, I'll be on my way now!

Marinette heads towards the exit, but Socqueline stops her.

132 SOCQUELINE
Marinette, wait!

Marinette freezes. She holds her breath. Has she been found out? But she relaxes when Socqueline hands her a bag.

133 SOCQUELINE (CONT'D)
Don't leave without your mom’s order!

12 **EXT. OLYMPIADES - "NATIONALE" METRO STATION ENTRANCE - DAY**

Marinette gets on her scooter and puts on her helmet. Hiding in her purse, Tikki calls her to order.

134 TIKKI
But... Marinette! You didn't convince your friend to stop pretending to be Ladybug.

Marinette launches into yet another marinettade.

135 MARINETTE
How am I supposed to do that without telling her I'm Ladybug? How do you want me to talk to her without talking to her and to unmask her without actually unmasking her?!

Tikki gives her an insistent look.

136 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
(sighing)
Fine, I'll go back...

13 **INT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - DAY**

Alone again, Socqueline is adjusting her alliance's settings.

137 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
What's your name, please?

But a voice answers before she can.

138 DARKER OWL
Ladybug!

Socqueline is startled and turns to face the Darker Owl. A stunned beat, during which Socqueline's Alliance says:

139 ADRIEN-ALLIANCE
Hello Ladybug!

But Socqueline pays no attention to it, entirely focused on the villain facing her.

140 SOCQUELINE
Mr. Damocles?

141 DARKER OWL
No! I am the Darker Owl! And you're going give me your Miraculous! Hoo-hoo!

Socqueline keeps her cool. Behind her back, she starts the voice memo option on her Alliance, and records the conversation that follows.

142 SOCQUELINE
The megakuma's in your mask, right!? *

The Darker Owl doesn't fall for it.

143 DARKER OWL
Still as clever as always, Ladybug!

Marinette gets there without them noticing.

144 SOCQUELINE
I'm not Ladybug!

145 DARKER OWL
That's exactly what Ladybug would say!

146 SOCQUELINE
No, you're wrong... I just dress up as Ladybug, that's all!

Marinette slinks away.

147 MARINETTE
She's played Ladybug so many times that Monarch is on to her!... We're too late, Tikki! *

She leaves the shop to go and transform.

The Darker Owl keeps threatening Socqueline, who manages to discreetly drops her Alliance to the ground.

148 DARKER OWL
We'll see if you're really Ladybug once you've given me your earrings as a ... GIFT!

He pulls out a gift-thrower and fires at her. A gift comes out, touches her and explodes, revealing an orb that shows her her deepest desire.

INSERT SOCQUELINE'S VISION - Socqueline sees herself in a Ladybug outfit, standing next to the real Ladybug. They bump fists as Cat Noir watches in awe, finding them both so cool!

149 **SOCQUELINE/LADYBUG**
Pound it!

The Darker Owl takes advantage of Socqueline's stunned astonishment to take her earrings. But no kwami appears.

150 DARKER OWL
Nothing?

INSERT - Monarch understands.

151 MONARCH
No kwami. So this Socqueline is not the real Ladybug.
(A beat)
But that doesn't matter, Darker Owl. She can still help us!

14 **INT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - LATER**

Marinette, transformed into Ladybug, gets back to the shop. But there doesn't seem to be anyone there.

A wary Ladybug listens up, focused...

Nothing but a BEEPING sound... she approaches... and discovers Socqueline's Alliance on the floor.

She picks it up. Alliance turns on automatically. Ladybug hears the conversation Socqueline recorded.

152 SOCQUELINE (RECORDING)
The megakuma's in your mask, right!? *

153 DARKER OWL (RECORDING)
Still as clever as always, Ladybug!

Suddenly a Megakuma alert goes off. The news channel appears as a hologram. *

It shows the Darker Owl on the roof of a building in the Olympiades neighborhood. Socqueline is suspended between two towers. (S&P : her mouth and nose areas must not be covered.)

154 DARKER OWL (IN THE HOLOGRAM) (CONT'D)
Hoo-hoo! Ladybug, Cat Noir! How are you?

15 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - DAY**

Adrien's playing a video game. He looks idle with all the free time he has on his hands now. Plagg shakes the Alliance, but the ring doesn't answer.

155 PLAGG
Are you going to deliver my cheese, you imbecillic ring?

156 ADRIEN
The Alliance can't hear you, Plagg. You know you're undetectable by technology.

Alliance displays a megakuma alert. Plagg tries to minimize it, in vain... The camera goes from the suspended Socqueline to an open can of paint dozens of yards below.

157 DARKER OWL (IN THE HOLOGRAM)
If you don't bring me your Miraculous, then this girl will fall into that can of paint! Hoo-hoo!

Adrien jumps up. Plagg is desperate (in a funny cartoony way) as he understands that recess is over!

158 ADRIEN
The Dark Owl is back?! Plagg, claws out!

Adrien transforms into Cat Noir.

16 **EXT. OLYMPIADES - ESPLANADE - DAY**

Ladybug lands on the esplanade and talks to the Darker Owl.

159 LADYBUG
Let the girl go, Dark Owl!

160 DARKER OWL
Look at my outfit, Ladybug. I am now...
(striking a pose)
The Darker Owl! Hoo-hoo!

Cat Noir lands in turn. He twirls his stick and strikes a very heroic pose.

161 CAT NOIR
Heads up, my Lady! It smells like a trap!

162 DARKER OWL
Hoo-hoo! Of course it's a trap! And the idea behind every good trap...

The Darker Owl drops Socqueline...

163 DARKER OWL (CONT'D)
...is that you can't escape it!

Socqueline falls towards the can of paint.

Our heroes have no choice. Cat Noir races to save Socqueline, while Ladybug calls up her...

164 LADYBUG
Lucky charm!

...and gets...

165 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
An alarm clock?

Ladybug's POV: the superheroin looks around, but she doesn't see anything.

Cat Noir catches Socqueline in mid-flight and puts her down on the ground.

166 CAT NOIR
Quick! Hide!

Ladybug notices the Darker Owl has Cat Noir in the line of fire of his grapnel. She rushes up and jumps on Cat Noir.

167 LADYBUG
Cat Noir!

The grapnel misses, but that's just what the villain wanted: to force them to regroup so he could fire a "gift" at them! Ladybug and Cat Noir are hit at the same time. The gift explodes on impact. The magic orb shows them images of their dreamed lives in fast forward, following a script born of their shared desires.

INSERT DREAM IN THE ORB - Ladybug and Cat Noir avoid the orb.

CUT - Ladybug throws the alarm clock at the Darker Owl and breaks his mask!

CUT - The Darker Owl detransforms. Ladybug and Cat Noir search him.

168 **LADYBUG** (CONT'D)
If he has the power of Jubilation, where's the Miraculous of the Pig?

They find a business card with a butterfly and an address on him.

169 **LADYBUG** (CONT'D)
A business card...

170 **CAT NOIR**
... with Monarch's address? *

CUT - Ladybug and Cat Noir punch at the camera together. Monarch falls over backwards. *

CUT - Close up on Ladybug's hand taking Monarch's Miraculous (*but we don't see him transform back -- we don't see who Monarch is in this dream*). *

CUT - Ladybug puts the Miraculous of the Butterfly back in the Box with all the other Miraculous.

CUT - the crowd cheers Ladybug and Cat Noir, perched on the Eiffel Tower.

171 **THE CROWD**
Ladybug, Cat Noir! Ladybug, Cat Noir! Ladybug, Cat Noir! * *

Ladybug and Cat Noir exchange tender glances as the crowd continues to cheer Ladybug. *

CUT - Ladybug is sitting in the movie theater. Cat Noir hands her a juice box and sits next to her.

174 **CAT NOIR**
Your favorite flavor!

175 **LADYBUG**
You know, lately, you've become really char-*meow*-ing. *

176 **CAT NOIR**
Am I dreaming or did you just steal one of my jokes?

She puts her head on his shoulder.

177 **LADYBUG**
Now that Monarch has been defeated and we're no longer in danger... I think I get why you make jokes. *

178 **CAT NOIR**
Oh? And why is that?

They look at each other.

179 **LADYBUG**
Because it's a way of saying it's good to be together.

180 **CAT NOIR**
Is that a joke too?

She smiles. Their faces get closer together. They kiss.

Suddenly we hear an alarm clock <RIIINGING>. Sitting behind them, Mr. Damocles starts shouting:

181 **DAMOCLES**
Shut off that alarm clock! I can't hear the movie!

Zoom out: there's a huge alarm clock on the seat next to Ladybug.

BACK TO REALITY - While days have gone by in the dream, it was only a few seconds in real life. The Darker Owl is about to seize the mesmerized Ladybug's and Cat Noir's Miraculous, despite Socqueline's efforts to hold him back -- she's perched on his back, kicking him and pulling on his cape... (*Note: the difference between dream and reality is made clear thanks to different graphic rendering and speed - the dream in the orb passes by at normal speed while reality is in slow motion.*)

DREAM IN THE ORB - Ladybug turns off the giant alarm clock in the movie theater, then resumes kissing Cat Noir.

CUT - Ladybug and Cat Noir, in wedding clothes, come out of City Hall as all their French and American superhero friends cheer. Jagged Stone is playing a wedding march on the electric guitar.

182 **SUPERHEROES (AD LIB)**
Hooray for the bride and groom!
Woohooo! Congratulations!

CUT - Ladybug tosses the bouquet behind her -- but it's an alarm clock that lands in Rena Rouge's hands and starts ringing! <RIIING>!

183 **LADYBUG**
Rena! Shut it off!

Rena turns off the alarm.

BACK TO REALITY - Slow Motion: The Darker Owl reaches out to take Ladybug's Miraculous. But she doesn't react at all, hypnotized by the Orb!

DREAM IN THE ORB - Giant alarm-clock-shaped flying saucers shaped have filled the sky above Paris and are sounding the attack! Ladybug, Cat Noir and their gang of superhero friends are ready for battle.

Ladybug turns to Cat Noir, who's wearing a baby sling with a young baby inside wearing a cute red polka-dot beanie with cat ears (*Note: it's a doll, not an actual baby*).

184 **LADYBUG** (CONT'D)
(*to Cat Noir*) Don't cataclysm the bottle warmer this time! (*to the rest of the team*) Let's go!

The heroes rush forward. Cat Noir hangs back with the baby.

185 **CAT NOIR**
They're so cute at this age, I wish they'd never grow up!

In the distance, the giant alarm clocks collapse. The ringing stops.

BACK TO REALITY - Slow motion: the Darker Owl's hands are getting closer to Ladybug's Miraculous -- and just like Cat Noir, she's still standing desperately still, hypnotized by the orb...

DREAM IN THE ORB - Sunny picnic on the Île aux Cygnes. Ladybug and Cat Noir (now sporting a mustache) are napping with the two babies they now have. (*Note: Just like Cat Noir wished earlier, the doll babies don't grow up -- but they've multiplied!*) The alarm clock goes off. Ladybug sits up.

186 **CAT NOIR** (CONT'D)
M'Lady, it's Sunday, we have all the time in the world.

She turns it off and snuggles up against him.

BACK TO REALITY - Slow motion: the Darker Owl's hands land on Ladybug's earrings.

DREAM IN THE ORB - Ladybug, Cat Noir and their four babies (still dolls, two baby slings and a double stroller) are eating André's ice creams on the Pont des Arts. They're holding hands, watching the sun set. But Ladybug feels something strange in her mouth. She spits it out in the palm of her hand. It's a tiny alarm clock!

187 **LADYBUG**
Again?! All these alarm clocks are turning into a real nightmare!

Ladybug finally understands. She blanches!

188 **LADYBUG** (CONT'D)
Cat Noir! This is a dream!

189 **CAT NOIR**
I know, m'Lady! Living with you is the sweetest dream.

190 **LADYBUG**
No, you don't get it, we're in an actual dream!

Ladybug winds up the alarm clock, setting it so that... <RIIING> The alarm clock starts ringing. Cat Noir reaches out to turn it off. Ladybug hides it in her back. *

191 **LADYBUG** (CONT'D)
No, Cat Noir! We have to wake up!

Cat Noir is scared to understand.

192 **CAT NOIR**
Are you saying... this is all fake...?

He looks at the doll he was holding against his chest. In spite of the alarm clock ringing louder and louder, he can hear the baby crying! Cat Noir raises his head towards Ladybug, with tears in his eyes.

193 **CAT NOIR** (CONT'D)
I don't want to lose all of this!

She has tears in her eyes too.

194 **LADYBUG**
Neither do I, my sweet kitten.

She takes his face in her hands.

195 **LADYBUG** (CONT'D)
So join me!

She kisses him in the sunset before disappearing suddenly.

BACK TO REALITY - Ladybug suddenly opens her eyes -- just in time to push the Darker Owl's hands away from her Miraculous and grip him in an armlock, sending him to the ground! But the supervillain manages to escape her grasp. Cat Noir comes out of the dream too. Mad with pain, he throws himself at the Darker Owl with rage.

196 CAT NOIR
How dare you play with our feelings?!

The Darker Owl is forced to retreat before Cat Noir's furious onslaught, which eventually brings him down. He raises his hand to cataclysm him...

197 CAT NOIR (CONT'D)
Cataclysm!

198 LADYBUG
Cat Noir! No!

... But Cat Noir just cataclysms the mask.

The megakuma flies away. Ladybug captures the megakuma. *

199 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
No more evil-doing for you, big butterfly! / Time to de-evilize! / Gotcha! Bye-bye, little butterfly!

The Darker Owl transforms back into Mr. Damocles. Ladybug searches him to see where his Miraculous could be.

200 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
If he has the power of Jubilation, where is the Miraculous of the Pig?

She finds nothing.

201 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Nothing.

She gives him a Magical Charm.

202 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Mr. Damocles, this Magical Charm will help you remember that negative emotions can cloud our judgment.

Ladybug throws the alarm clock up in the air.

203 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Miraculous Ladybug!

The magic ladybugs fix everything.

17 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR - DAY**

Daizzi comes to. He's really weak.

204 DAIZZI
Hun... gry...

With a wave of his hand, Monarch conjures up a small amount of unappetizing food that Daizzi starts reluctantly eating.

205 MONARCH
Ladybug, Cat Noir! You have escaped the maze of your desires, but soon, you will sink into the oblivion of mine!

18 **EXT. OLYMPIADES - ART SUPPLIES STORE - DAY**

Ladybug has walked Socqueline back to the store.

206 SOCQUELINE
I'm sorry I impersonated you. I just wanted to help.

207 LADYBUG
I know. I'd just rather you helped me in some other way, without putting yourself in danger.

Ladybug looks at Socqueline emotionally.

208 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
You're already amazing without even needing a suit!

Much to Socqueline's surprise, Ladybug takes her in her arms.

209 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Thanks for your help.

Socqueline closes her eyes, smiles, and hugs her back.

19 **INT. MARINETTE'S APARTMENT - DAY**

Marinette gives the bag with the paints to her mother.

210 MARINETTE
Socqueline says hi!

211 SABINE
Oh, it was so nice of you to take time off your Saturday to get me some supplies...

In return, Sabine hands Marinette a small package.

212 SABINE (CONT'D)
I have a little something for you too.

Marinette starts to unwrap the gift.

213 SABINE (CONT'D)
To thank you for being the most wonderful daughter any parent could ask for. You make us proud every day, Marinette!

Inside is an Alliance, in its incredibly sleek box!

214 SABINE (CONT'D)
Do you like it? It's all everybody's talking about right now!

But Marinette prefers to give the gift to her mother.

215 MARINETTE
That's really sweet, Mom, but you know, rings aren't practical for drawing. Why don't you keep it? They're really handy for taking orders, I hear.

Sabine is amazed.

216 SABINE
Are you sure?

20 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Marinette closes the trapdoor to her room.

217 TIKKI
Why'd you refuse it, Marinette?

218 MARINETTE
Because of that ring, Socqueline almost found out I was Ladybug.

INSERT - Sabine, downstairs, is trying out the Lila version of the Alliance.

219 MARINETTE (O.S.) (CONT'D)
It would be too dangerous to wear it.

21 **EXT. PARISIAN ROOFTOP - EVENING**

Ladybug and Cat Noir, sitting on a rooftop, are looking a little lost.

220 CAT NOIR
How did Monarch give Mr. Damocles the power of Jubilation without giving him a Miraculous? *

221 LADYBUG
I don't know. I don't get it.

A silent beat.

222 CAT NOIR
Ladybug... That power of jubilation... it's supposed to show us our deepest desires, isn't it?

223 LADYBUG
Yes.

Cat Noir is troubled.

224 CAT NOIR
But *that* was... That wasn't real, right?

Ladybug is troubled too.

225 LADYBUG
Tell me about it! The wedding, the babies... Totally fake!

226 CAT NOIR
Are you sure?

She makes up an explanation that she doesn't believe in herself.

227 LADYBUG
Monarch must have altered it somehow, to trick us...yeah, that's gotta be it! *

They don't dare look at each other.

228 CAT NOIR
Of course... Otherwise... It would be totally super weird, wouldn't it?!

229 LADYBUG
Right. Totally super weird...

Just like in the dream, they watch the sun set silently. Without daring to hold hands.

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